

The Missing Name - Emmanuel

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 1.

B. The missing name in the life of the believer is Emmanuel. Matthew's Gospel begins and ends this way. (Matthew 28)

C. We rarely acknowledge Jesus as Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

D. God with us is significant for salvation. (Romans 5:10)

II. Ahaz was a rebel against God, but he was sincerely religious and sought the help of other gods. (Isaiah 7, 2 Chronicles 8, 2 Kings 16)

III. God did away with sacrifice because of Ahaz's evil (away with cleansing and forgiveness).

IV. The Lord brought Ahaz to rock bottom and "then" he came to Ahaz in his infinite mercy and humility.

A. The Father in Luke 15 never gave up.

B. God never gives up.

V. We can find completeness in Emmanuel.

A. The human philosophy is to go and go.

B. God's philosophy is to come to him.

C. Jesus bore our sins and burdens.

Application questions:

1. What does Emmanuel mean? Why is Jesus called this?

2. How has God humbly pursued you?

3. In what ways do you need Jesus to bear your burdens today?
